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Pan-America.

The second Pan-American Scientific Congress brought its labors to a close today. Altogether, much good was accomplished. Not only scientists, but statesmen of note met, and exchanged views on matters of special and of general interest. Old friendships were strengthened. New friendships were formed. Larger views of large questions were presented to take the place of views that had served their day.

If what may be called political and governmental questions somewhat overshadowed strictly scientific questions it was with the consent of the scientists present. They, as others, recognized the fact that the momentous new times had put general questions into the foreground and demanded their consideration. Pan-Americanism in its most comprehensive significance is the prize topic now whenever for any purpose North, Central and South Americans meet.

What the public has heard the most about, therefore, during the sittings of the congress has related to matters other than scientific—the Monroe doctrine, the value and growth of democracy, the belief that this hemisphere is dedicated to the rule of the people, and that the people of both continents should act in sympathy with that belief, and in co-operation to that end. Both the President and Secretary Lansing spoke in that vein, and all the other deliverances carried a similar message. And delegates and onlookers alike showed by their attention and applause warm support of all the sentiments expressed.

The next congress will assemble at Lima five years hence. Time and place carry assurance of another successful meeting. Peru is progressive and hospitable, and as host will forward all the purposes disclosed here.

By that time, too, let us all hope, peace will have returned to the world in a form warranting the prospect of a long stay, and encouraging to the complete success of all the aims the three Americas have in mind.

Meanwhile, much may be done for the cause in all the countries in interest in the way of public discussion, and the putting of discussion into action. Scientists, statesmen and capitalists may and should, work together for what concerns all. The task in hand—the full development and advancement of the western hemisphere—is gigantic, and calls for that famous "pull with a will and pull together" for its accomplishment.

Possibly Champ Clark spoke advisedly when he told the members of the Woman's National Democratic League that the republicans regard the prosperity we are having as a personal grievance. Such an attitude would be as unreasonable as for the democrats to regard the big crops and the influx of European gold as a personal compliment.

A few stirring speeches from Representative A. P. Gardner suffice to guarantee that the mollycoddle will never gain a foothold in Massachusetts.

The punishments to which reckless submarine commanders were subjected have not been held up to attention as atrocities of war.

Latin Americans will soon realize that the United States is not to be regarded as foreign territory.

Chinese revolutionists remain active regardless of the nominal form of government.

Oratory at the Conventions.

The opportunities for oratory will be fewer at St. Louis than at Chicago. The chairman of the convention will have a chance, and the man who puts Mr. Wilson in nomination another, but not much will be left for anybody else. Those who second the nomination will run the risk of repeating both the nominator and one another.

Still, the two subjects—the party record, and the man under whose leadership it has been made—should yield inspiration to both the sinner and the saint. Two thorough-paced party men with the gift of speech should say something worth while.

At Chicago the orators should reveal. Think of the number of favorite sons to be presented! An orator for each one, and at least one second. Then the keynote, covering as it should and will so many subjects. The party's past. The many glories and the few mistakes. The folly and misfortune of 1912. The unhappy consequences. The necessity for union in the coming campaign. The inestimable value of victory.

When did a keynoter ever have a greater opportunity to display grasp, conciliation, ginger, diplomacy and all the rest of it? If the man who takes the gavel at Chicago does not

make reputation as both orator and diplomat he will fall down with the supreme chance of the day.

Shall we hear from Mr. Bryan at St. Louis? Will he go as a delegate? If he does, will he fit into a Wilson convention sufficiently to utilize his oratorical gift at its full value? Will Champ Clark attend? Were he to do so, and put Mr. Wilson in nomination, the scene and the deliverance would both be memorable. Both Henry Watterson and Bourke Cockran seem to be out of politics, and neither is expected to attend the convention. In that quartet is found the democracy's chief asset in the oratorical line.

Mr. Borah will be at Chicago, and is mentioned for the chairmanship of the convention. He is an orator of genuine power. Mr. Lodge will probably attend. Twelve years ago he made a speech in that town at a national convention which was greatly admired and had a marked influence on all present.

Let us not forget that both meetings will attract the unknown and aspiring as well as the famous; and maybe at each meeting new stars will appear, if not to dim old twinklers, to add to the attractions of the political firmament.

The Charity Fund.

The wintry weather which struck Washington yesterday morning brings a responsibility to the people of the District in the matter of making provision for the poor. Every season funds must be provided for the relief of distress among those who are without employment and who are ill and without funds. The charity organization in Washington is excellent, and its administration is such as to permit the closest possible touch with those in need of relief. It now announces that to carry on the work of succor among the poor this season will require \$17,000. Recently the people responded most generously to an appeal for the "Fourteen Opportunities," which are an annual feature of charity work in Washington, and thereby relieved the Associated Charities of a considerable burden in assuring the maintenance for a year of the fourteen cases selected. But there are many more cases that require attention, scores of individuals who must be provided with food, fuel, clothing and shelter, for whom there is no employment in prospect and who will suffer grievously if the hand of charity is not extended to them.

It must not be thought that Washington's charity work is finished when the fourteen opportunities have been grasped and the subscriptions for meeting them have been filled. If those fourteen cases represented all of Washington's needy ones there would be but little difficulty in preventing suffering in this District. They are, however, selected as type cases, perhaps the most urgent within the knowledge of the charity organization, and in every instance worthy of beneficence. This is not to suggest that other cases are not worthy. There are hundreds of people literally dependent at this time of year upon charity for life itself, and to the extent that the requisition of the charity organizations for \$17,000 fails to be met these people will suffer through lack of efficient administrative care. A prompt filling of this subscription for the maintenance of so important a work is to be expected in view of the excellent record of the people of Washington in the matter of giving for the relief of the poor.

It ought not to be necessary to call attention to spitting in public as an undesirable and insanitary practice. But so long as it is, the Washington police will do their duty.

The fact that the U. S. A. will stand as a great creditor nation may assist in quelling any inclinations to bully this country.

The Congressional Record is now promising some of the liveliest features it has offered in its entire course of publication.

Competition for the privilege of reforming Sing Sing prisoners has become strangely acute.

Germany's Assurances.

Germany gives positive assurances that the principles of submarine warfare for which the United States has contended in the Lusitania and Arabic cases have been extended to operations in the Mediterranean, and furthermore declares that reparation will be made for damages caused by the death or injury of American citizens in the sinking of ships by submarines. This is a distinct victory for American diplomacy and so far as Germany is concerned virtually closes the record, save as to the precise details of the Lusitania agreement and the specific meeting of the obligation of the Berlin government in the matter of reparation for losses already suffered by Americans.

Germany, however, does not attempt to speak for Austria, or to give any guarantee respecting the manner in which that power will conduct submarine warfare. It was not to be expected that such guarantees would be given. The United States must continue its negotiations with Austria respecting the Persia and Anconia, the sinking of which was in violation of the principles which Germany has now definitely accepted. The yielding of Germany cannot fail to compel Austria to yield also and to adopt the same policy of giving warning before sinking unresisting merchantmen before torpedoing them, with ample opportunity for their crews and passengers to escape.

Austria has stood on the letter of the diplomatic doctrine that an international dispute regarding an issue between two powers does not affect

a third power until it is in turn specifically involved. By so doing the government at Vienna has assumed a heavy moral responsibility, not lessened by the fact that the United States did not address its protest against the unwarranted destruction of merchant ships to all the belligerents.

The Aqueduct Bridge.

There can be no mistaking the earnestness and urgency of Secretary Garrison's recommendation that action be taken immediately to provide for a new bridge across the Potomac to replace the Aqueduct bridge. Such recommendations have been made on several occasions in the past and have been ignored as negligible. But now the matter is put up to Congress in terms that permit of no further procrastination. The engineer officer in charge of the repairs to the piers of the old bridge states that he does not consider it safe for the traffic now using it, and that without radical change in the methods employed in its maintenance it will not long be safe to traffic of any kind. The only way to make the bridge safe for any sort of traffic, in his opinion, is to limit the number of street cars and the weight of the loads in vehicular traffic, to restrict the number of vehicles using the bridge at one time. Col. Flieger goes further and urges that whenever there is a heavy ice movement in the river all traffic over the bridge should be suspended.

Delay in this matter is an invitation to disaster. The District Commissioners can adopt the recommendations as to traffic regulation, but this will still leave the bridge structurally as unsafe as ever. These amendments will very seriously congest traffic and greatly lessen the value of the bridge to the people. So unfortunate would be the results of their adoption that in case of further congressional delay it would even be hoped that a heavy ice movement such as Col. Flieger suggests would occur this spring, and during a period of traffic suspension, carry away the substructure of the bridge or damage it so seriously as to make further patching impossible.

Europe's example emphasizes the desirability of an early understanding that will prevent envious hostilities among inhabitants of neighboring territories.

England is giving a demonstration of how rapidly preparedness can be accomplished—provided a nation has a big, reliable navy to start with.

Mr. Taft enjoys the distinction of having been seriously mentioned for the Supreme bench oftener than any other living man.

The Ford peace party has not yet succeeded in compiling any suggestions as to when the war will end.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Getting Around to It.

"When I was your age I worked fourteen hours a day," said the worried father.

"Well, what of it?" replied the young man who squanders.

"Nothing much. Only when you get to be my age that is probably what you will have to do."

Dangerous Topic.

Oh, you and I wish strife would cease. There is no chance to doubt it. And since we both are fond of peace, Let us not talk about it.

Superior.

"What is Bill the Bruiser puttin' on all them airs about?" asked one crook.

"He thinks we ain't had the advantages he's enjoyed. He's been through the leadin' penitentiary of the country."

Hearts and Hands.

"I want a place in the hearts of the people," said the patriotic young statesman.

"Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "it's a fine ambition. But I'm not sure you won't get on faster by forgetting about the hearts of the people and putting yourself in the hands of your friends."

Over-solicitous.

Willie Wiggins is a child Sensitive and fragile. And it sets his parents wild When he gets too agile.

Yet last fall he climbed a tree. Fate used him with lenience. Twenty-seven feet fell he. Felt no inconvenience.

Willie skated through the ice Into water freezing. Seemed to find it rather nice. Didn't mind the sneezing.

Sometimes it appears to me Just a trifle silly For his parents thus to be Worrying over Willie.

How Congress Can Help.

From the New York World.
Congress at this critical time can render invaluable assistance to the President in conducting the foreign affairs of the United States. To do this it need only enact the administration's national defense program into law without a day's unnecessary delay. That would strengthen the President's hands immeasurably in dealing with every European government with which we have a controversy. It would be a demonstration of American earnestness and unity which would make an immediate impression upon every capital of the world.

In Pennsylvania.

From the Philadelphia Press.
The signs are that the coming political campaign will have plenty of money in it, and money is what makes a campaign go.

Proposes Anyhow.

From the Chicago Herald.
With Mr. Bernard Shaw's revelation that woman does the proposing in nearly all cases anyway, leap year lost much of its significance.

Woodward & Lothrop

New York—WASHINGTON—Paris.

January Is the Month for Women to Buy Fine French Undergarments.

Most unusual values are presented in our displays of Fine French Lingerie, and in connection with the January white sale it is proper that we should call your attention to them. Especially to these less expensive grades which are here in a very fine display owing to our foresight and our splendid efforts and organization. You will readily see that there is a difference between our prices and those you would have to pay under ordinary conditions.

THEY ARE IN ALL THE DELIGHTFUL STYLES WOMEN LIKE FOR FASHIONABLE WEAR AND FOR TROUSSEAU.

Two Especially Important Items.

A Miscellaneous Lot of French Lingerie, Consisting of GOWNS, CHEMISES, DRAWERS AND SKIRTS

of Fine French Nainsook and Percale. Beautifully trimmed in numerous distinctive styles, with fine laces and rich hand embroideries. Priced from \$1.85 to \$8.95 the garment. Former prices, \$3.50 to \$12.00.

French Negliges and Dressing Sacques Beautifully Made of

ALBATROSS, FRENCH FLANNEL AND CREPE DE CHINE, In white, pretty plain tones and fancy colors; a wide variety of individual styles. Offered at greatly reduced prices.



FRENCH DRAWERS,

\$1.25 to \$3.75 pair.

Circular, knickerbocker and straight-legged styles, in practically every variation of cut and trimming, with or without ruffles; prettily hand embroidered in flowered designs. The materials are nainsook and percale.

FRENCH HANDMADE DRAWERS,

\$2.75 to \$6.50 pair.

Exceptionally dainty models, some with fluffy and full lace trimmings in accordance with the latest fashions; others with beautiful hand embroideries and laces combined.

FRENCH HAND-EMBROIDERED COMBINATIONS, \$2.25 to \$5.00.

Blouse and Princess styles, with straight-legged, knickerbocker or circular style drawers, trimmed with hand embroidery in simple designs.

FRENCH HANDMADE COMBINATIONS, \$6.50 to \$10.50.

Hand embroidered and simply or elaborately lace trimmed; corset covers with lace or ribbon straps over the shoulders and knickerbocker or straight-legged drawers, with exquisite lace trimmings and ruffles.

Third floor, F street.

FRENCH GOWNS,

\$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$6.00.

High, square and low round or v-neck styles, allowing all women to satisfy themselves for their favorite style; long, three-quarter or short sleeves, hand-embroidered or finished with pretty and fine laces.

FRENCH HANDMADE GOWNS,

\$4.75 to \$12.50.

French Nainsook, with low neck and fancy fluffy lace sleeves, some are trimmed with hand embroideries in combination with laces, others are hand embroidered in rich and elaborate designs; entirely hand made.

FRENCH CHEMISES,

\$1.00 to \$3.75.

Hand embroidered in many pretty floral designs and finished with eyelets run with pink or blue ribbon.

FRENCH HANDMADE CHEMISES,

\$2.25 to \$7.50.

Handmade Nainsook Chemises, beautifully hand embroidered and embellished with fine laces.

Initial Display of New 1916 Spring and Summer Novelty Cotton Dress Fabrics

Manufactured for Us in England, Scotland, Switzerland and the United States.

Voiles bid fair to outstrip all other fabrics in popularity, and we are showing beautiful effects, styles and printings that surpass the best of previous seasons.

Courtly's Silk and Cotton Woven Striped Voiles, Artistic Block-printed Rose Flowered Voiles, Printed Nubee Voiles, which consist of most every flower known printed on plaid and striped effects; Printed Tissue Filet.

Ginghams from the inexpensive domestic fabric to the finest imported; also a full assortment of Kiddie Cloth, Trooper Cloth and Kindergarten Cloth for Boys' and Children's Wear.

The woman going south or anticipating the demands of next summer's wardrobe will find here the most delightful opportunities to express individuality in her gowning. Any choice made from these assortments will bear the stamp of latest fashion and beautiful texture.

Second floor, G street.

FRESH NEW WHITE DRESSES For the Little Children JUST ARRIVED IN THE BABY STORE.

In general style and appearance these new dresses do not differ greatly from those usually shown for the little folks. But they are fresh and new, and are simply designed and trimmed in attractive modes that are especially becoming, and at the same time have style touches new to the season.

New Dresses, Sizes 2 to 6 Years.

White Voile Dresses, empire style, with yoke of fine tucks and neck and sleeves prettily shirred and trimmed with beading and ribbon.....\$1.50

White Lawn Dresses, long-waist style, with square neck and long sleeves, trimmed with embroidery and lace edge, and finished with ribbon sash.....\$1.50

White Lawn Dresses, empire style, with yoke of fine tucks and embroidery; skirt tucked and trimmed with embroidery and lace edge.....\$2.50

White Voile Dresses, empire style, with yoke of fine tucks and turn-over collar, trimmed with embroidery dots and lace; pink or blue ribbon sash.....\$3.50

White Lawn Dresses in empire style, with yoke of fine tucks, embroidery insertion and fine lace; skirt finished with embroidery ruffle and edged with lace.....\$3.75

Third floor, F street.

New Dresses, Sizes 1 and 2 Years.

Yoke Dresses, made of lawn, with yoke of fine tucks and featherstitching, and neck and sleeves trimmed with lace edging.....\$1.00

White Lawn Dresses, yoke effect, with turn-over collar and cuffs, trimmed with dotted embroidery and dainty tucks.....\$1.25

Soft White Dimity Dresses in empire style, with yoke of fine tucks; belt and turn-over collar and cuffs finished with pearl buttons.....\$1.75

White Lawn Dresses, yoke and sleeves trimmed with smocking; turn-over collar and cuffs finished with small dots and tucks.....\$2.25

White Lawn Dresses, finely tucked and smocked, finished with turn-over collar and cuffs and pearl buttons.....\$2.50

Miss Janet Richards' Weekly Talk in the Auditorium Omitted Monday, January 10; the Regular Course Resumed Monday, January 17.

We Are Now Ready to Talk About the Spring-Summer Work For the Home Or to Execute Any Kind of To-Order Work.

Many Washingtonians and out-of-town people, too, know the character of work we do, and our capabilities in this direction—they know that we have a wonderfully equipped shop here on the premises, and an organization of efficient and experienced men here that understand all the various home problems. But don't make the mistake that we do work only for homes; we will be glad to undertake the screening, the complete order of window shades or awnings for large office buildings, apartment houses or hotels.

We think you should give consideration to the following at this time:

RUSTLESS WIRE WINDOW SCREENS.

We fit exactly any shape or design of window.

RUSTLESS WIRE SCREEN DOORS.

Handsomely made and finished.

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Screening the porch entirely; increasing its benefit.

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Of any size and of best materials.

ATHEY CLOTH-LINED METAL WEATHER STRIPS.

With these strips installed your house becomes more comfortable.

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Made of best cloths in any color; finely finished.

FURNITURE REPAIRED.

Repairing, Reupholstering, Refinishing expertly done.

SPECIAL FURNITURE TO ORDER.

Furniture and Cabinets designed and made to order.

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Made to order from any fabric that you may select.

SLIP COVERS FOR FURNITURE.

We make them so they actually are of value.

PARQUET FLOORING

Finest flooring laid; old floors scraped and polished.

METAL PLATING AND FINISHING.

Any metal can be restored, replated or given a new finish.

Your needs should be thought out and provided for NOW, while there is time for ample consideration. Our staff is at your service without any obligation whatever.

Orders for any of this work can be placed now and the work completed—delivery to be made at any future specified date.

INQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE OF THE UPHOLSTERY DEPARTMENT—FOURTH FLOOR.

We Are Putting New Prices on a Large Number of Trunks.

We have several lots of Trunks—Good Trunks they are—that we want to close out now at the beginning of the year. You will find them thoroughly reliable in material and construction, and they are very remarkably priced. Here are some of the details:

A lot of Dress Trunks that were priced \$7.00 to \$8.50.

Special price, \$5.95 each.

A lot of Dress Trunks, with two all-around straps and securely riveted construction.

Special price, \$10.00 each.

A lot of Dress Trunks, regularly priced from \$15.00 to \$17.00.

Special price, \$11.75 each.

A lot of Hat Trunks that were \$7.00.

Special price, \$7.75 each.

A lot of Hat Trunks that were \$12.50 and \$14.00.

Special price, \$10.00 each.

Fourth floor, center.

1,260 Turkish Bath Mats At Special January Prices.

This is one of the best items in the Linen sale, and it is only at very infrequent times that it is possible to obtain them at less than regular prices.

They are subject to the slightest imperfections, and are marked at one-fourth less than regular prices.

45c, 75c, 90c, \$1.50 and \$1.75 each.

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